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At the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Toronto Literary and Debating Society, held in the large Hall of the Mechanics' Institute, a General Committee of the Office-Bearers was appointed to revise the Rules and Regulations of the Society. Messrs James Beaty, and W. B. Sullivan, were appointed a Sub-Committee, to Report on the same to the General Committee; who submitted the following Rules and Regulations to the Society; and which were adopted by the Society at a meeting held the 6th December, 1855.

R. A. HARRISON,
President.

W. B. SULLIVAN,
Secretary.

At the annual meeting of the Society held in the large hall of the
Technical Institute, London, on the 11th of November 1887, the
following resolutions were adopted:—The Society has the honor
to inform you that it has the pleasure to announce the
formation of the Society for the purpose of promoting the
study and teaching of the subject of the history and
philosophy of science. The object of the Society is to
promote the study and teaching of the history and
philosophy of science, and to publish a journal
devoted to the subject. The Society is open to all
persons who are interested in the subject, and
who are willing to contribute to the funds of the
Society. The Society is now in the process of
organizing, and it is hoped that it will be able to
hold its first meeting in the near future.

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THE TORONTO
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THE TORONTO LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY, instituted for the Cultivation of Literature and Public Speaking, enacts the following Rules and Regulations :—

Section I.—General Laws.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called "THE TORONTO LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY."

ARTICLE 2. All Subjects shall be open for debate except such as involve the Christian Religion.

ARTICLE 3. No alteration of the laws shall be made except at the Annual General Meeting, and that with the consent of two-thirds of the Members present at such meeting.

ARTICLE 4. All essays read before the Society shall be considered the property of the Society, and as such shall be delivered to the Secretary.

Section II.—Members.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall consist of Ordinary, Honorary, and Corresponding Members.

I. Ordinary Members.

ARTICLE 2. Ordinary Members shall consist of gentlemen resident in Toronto.

ARTICLE 3. Any gentlemen desirous of being admitted an Ordinary Member, shall be recommended by one of the members, in open meeting.

ARTICLE 4. The Election to take place on the meeting following after such recommendation; and to be decided by a show of hands.

ARTICLE 5. Each Ordinary Member, shall subscribe to the Laws, and shall pay an admission fee of at least five shillings, to be his first year's subscription, and afterwards an annual contribution of five shillings, to be paid to the Treasurer, and to contribute any further sum that may be imposed by a vote of an ordinary meeting

ARTICLE 6. No Ordinary Member shall be entitled to vote or take any part in the proceedings of the Society, while his admission fee, annual contributions, or fines, remain unpaid.

II. Honorary Members.

ARTICLE 7. Honorary Members shall be persons thought deserving of the honor by the Society.

ARTICLE 8. Honorary Members shall be proposed by a written motion read to the Society at two separate meetings previous to the meeting for election, and to be elected by a three-fourths vote of such meeting.

ARTICLE 9. Honorary members shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Society, but shall be exempt from compulsory duties and payment of contributions.

III. Corresponding Members.

ARTICLE 10. Corresponding Members shall consist of persons residing out of the City of Toronto, desirous of contributing to the objects of the Society.

ARTICLE 11. Corresponding Members shall be elected in the same manner as Ordinary Members, and shall be exempted from the payment of fees, and all compulsory duties.

Section III.—Office Bearers.

ARTICLE 1. The Office Bearers of this Society shall consist of a President, three Vice Presidents, a Secretary and Treasurer, and Five Councillors, who shall manage the affairs of the Society.

ARTICLE 2. The Office Bearers shall be elected annually by ballot, by the majority present at the "Annual General Meeting" to be held for that purpose on the first Thursday in November.

ARTICLE 3. Members to be eligible as office Bearers of the Society shall be nominated at the ordinary meeting immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting.

I. President and Vice Presidents.

ARTICLE 4. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all Meetings of the Society, or in his absence one of the Vice Presidents, or in their absence a chairman chosen by the meeting.

ARTICLE 5. At the first meeting after the "Annual General Meeting" an introductory address shall be delivered by the President Elect.

II. Secretary and Treasurer.

ARTICLE 6. The Secretary and Treasurer shall collect the admission fees, annual contributions, and in general the whole funds of the Society, and shall be responsible for the same when so collected to the Society.

ARTICLE 7. He shall keep regular Accounts and Minutes of all his transactions in reference to the affairs of the Society.

ARTICLE 8. He shall be required at the Annual General Meeting in November, in each year, to furnish to the Society a statement of the affairs of the Society certified by the Committee of Management.

ARTICLE 9. He shall make minutes in a proper book of the business at all meetings of the Society.

ARTICLE 10. He shall keep an accurate list of the names of the members, and shall obtain their signatures to the laws in a copy kept by himself, in which also he shall insert all alterations, which may from time to time be made in the Constitution and Laws of the Society.

ARTICLE 11. He shall be a member of all Committees without being specially named on them.

ARTICLE 12. He shall at every meeting read the minutes of the previous meeting, and also the minutes of the Committee of Management.

ARTICLE 13. He shall conduct the correspondence of the Society, arrange the business of the meetings, and bring it before the Society in the order prescribed in section IV. Article. 9.

ARTICLE 14. The Essayist and debaters for each ordinary meeting shall be appointed by the Secretary,

with the approval of any two members of the Committee of Management. The leading debaters to be chosen only with their consent.

ARTICLE 15. He shall intimate in writing to members not present the duties they may be required to perform under Section 4.

III. Committee of Management.

ARTICLE 16. Each member of the Committee shall, at each meeting of the Society, hand to the Secretary, in writing, at least one debateable question to be entered by the Secretary in the Case Book, from which questions the one to be debated at the following meeting, shall be by them chosen under the penalty prescribed by Section V.

ARTICLE 17. They shall select and appoint questions for Debate according to the preceding Article under the penalty for each default prescribed by Section V.

Section IV.—Meetings.

ARTICLE 1. The meetings of the Society shall be either PRIVATE OR PUBLIC.

ARTICLE 2. The meetings of the Society shall, during the *first period* from the first of November to the first of June, be held *fortnightly* on each alternate Thursday; and during the *second period*, from the first of June to the first of November, *monthly* on the first Thursday of each month. The hour of meeting in all cases to be at 7 o'clock P. M.

ARTICLE 3. Meetings of the Committee of Management, or Special Meetings of the Society, may be called by the President himself, or at the request of any *five* Members of the Society.

I. Private Meetings.

ARTICLE 4. Private meetings shall be held to be the ordinary meetings of the Society.

II. Public Meetings

ARTICLE 5. At Public Meetings the Public at large shall be admitted, subject always to the authority of the chair.

ARTICLE 6. During the *first period* above mentioned, each *third* regular meeting shall be a *Public meeting*; and during the second period each second regular meeting shall be a Public meeting.

ARTICLE 7. The Chairman for each Public meeting shall be appointed by the Committee of Management.

ARTICLE 8. The Essayist and Debaters for each Public Meeting shall be selected by ballot at the ordinary meeting next preceding such Public Meeting.

III. Conduct of Business.

ARTICLE 9. An Essay shall be read and a question debated at each meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE 10. The business of the Society shall, at each ordinary meeting after the chair has been taken, proceed in the following order.

1. Reading the Minutes.
2. Notices of motions given.
3. Motions discussed and other business transacted.
4. Admission of new members.
5. Delivery of the Essay for the evening.
6. The debate for the evening.
7. The Chairman's decision.

ARTICLE 11. Every notice of motion, and motion, before being read to the Society, shall be first handed to the Secretary, in writing with the names of the mover and seconder.

ARTICLE 12. In case of an equality of votes on any question, before the Society, the chairman presiding shall have the casting vote.

ARTICLE 13. One of the members shall, under the direction of the Committee of Management be required either in person or by substitution of another member to deliver an Essay to the Society.

ARTICLE 14. No Essayist shall occupy more than twenty minutes in the delivery of his Essay.

ARTICLE 15. No member shall speak twice during the same Debate, except the Leader on the affirmative who shall have liberty to reply after the other Debaters have spoken.

ARTICLE 16. No debater shall, at any ordinary meeting, be allowed to occupy the floor at one time for a longer period than Fifteen minutes, nor the Leader of the affirmative in his reply more than ten minutes.

ARTICLE 17. The Question debated at each meeting shall be decided at the close of the debate by the chairman for the occasion, upon the weight of the arguments adduced before him.

ARTICLE 18. The decision of the chair on questions of order shall be final.

ARTICLE 19. The members shall be entitled to introduce their friends to the meeting, but no stranger shall be permitted to take any part in the Business of the Society.

ARTICLE 20. No motion for the expulsion of a member shall be made without two weeks previous notice; and no member shall be expelled without the concurrence of the majority of the members present; to be ascertained by Ballot.

Section V.—Fines.

The following Table of Fines shall be imposed under Sec. IV., and members withholding payment of the same when incurred, shall be liable to expulsion:—

1. Failure by Committee of management in giving to Secretary the Questions required under Article 16. Sec. III. each..... 0s. 7½d.
2. The failure of Committee of management in appointing Questions for debate each... 1s. 3d.
3. Failure in reading Essay..... 2s. 6d.
4. Failure of Leaders in opening Debate each..... 2s. 6d.
5. Non attendance of Debaters or their appointed Substitutes..... 0s. 7½d.
6. Disobedience to the Chair; discretionary with the Chair; but not to exceed..... 10s. 0d.

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